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1. The headquarters of the SNB-PS Unit No. 9600 are located at Pripotoeni ul. 3, Prague-Vrsovice. Commanding Officer is Major Duda, Deputy Commanding Officer SNB Lt. Vacha. On 1 December 1950, the following battalions of border units were subordinated to these headquarters:

- a. Karlovy Vary
- b. Pilsen
- c. Susice
- d. Ceske Budejovice

2. The following are known officers of the border battalion at Karlovy Vary, Unit No. 8194:

a. CO	SNB 1st Lt. Vlcek; he has been sent to school.
b. Deputy CO	SNB Sr. Sgt. Lang. Capt. Hrabak, the former Deputy CO, was discharged and was returned to civilian life.
c. Education Officer	SNB Sr. Sgt. Baloun, a fanatical Communist Party member.
d. Deputy Education Officer	Staff Sgt. Vitek, a fanatical Communist.
e. Training Officer	SNB St. Sgt. Flecnik, a fanatical Communist Party member.

3. The headquarters of border guard company No. 5184 are located at Lazne Kynzvart in the district of Marianske Lazne. On 1 December 1950, the strength of these headquarters was about 25 SNB members including members of the Security Army. Known officers of the company are:

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a. CO

SNB Staff Sgt. Tesar. Lt. Vojacek, the former CO, was transferred to the District National Committee at Marianske Lazne, where he is in charge of issuing permits for entering the border area.

b. Education Officer

Jr. Sgt. Jiri Navratil.

c. Youth Organizational Officer

Jr. Sgt. Lubomir Krejci.

4. Subordinated to this company are the following platoons:

a. Tri Sekery

b. Vysoka

c. Stary Hroznatov (Stary Kynsperk)

On 1 December 1950, each platoon had about 35-40 SNB members including members of the Security Army, and was armed with three light machine guns of Czech make, model 26, and Skoda grenades, model 34.

5. A complete reorganization of all PS units located along the Czech-U.S. Zone of Germany border was to be effected up to 1 January 1951. Guarding and securing of the border is to be taken over by the Security Army, whose members received special schooling and training for this purpose. All members of this army, before they were assigned to such service, took a three-month course, which was formerly six month, given by the SNB. This type of schooling was given at Cheb, Marianske Lazne and Plana.

6. To the headquarters of the border guard brigade at Plana near Marianske Lazne have been assigned the headquarters of the PS battalion at Dolni Zandov. As a result of the reorganization, the headquarters of the PS company No. 5134 at Lazne Kynzvart were abolished at the end of December 1950, and their supplies and equipment were transferred to Dolni Zandov. The Commanding Officer of the Dolni Zandov battalion is SNB Lt. Kovarik, a fanatical Communist Party member who studied at the Military Academy in the summer of 1950. The following PS companies are subordinated to Dolni Zandov:

a. Slatina

b. Mohelno

c. Dylon Hill (elevation 934)

d. Oldrichov

7. The headquarters of the PS brigade at Cheb have subordinated to them the headquarters of the battalions at As and Cheb. Commanding Officer of the Cheb battalion is SNB Lt. Trojacek, who attended the Military Academy in the summer of 1950 and is a fanatical party member. The following companies are subordinated to the Cheb battalion:

a. Mytina

b. Kozly

c. Stary Hroznatov

d. Svaty Kriz

e. Slapany

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8. Platoons of border guard units which had a strength of 33 men and were located close to the border were transformed into companies and strengthened to 120 members of the Security Army. These companies included the ones which are subordinated to the battalions at Dolni Zandov and Cheb, and they are to form the first line at the border zone. Platoons located 3-7 km from the border and having a strength of 33 men were transformed into companies and strengthened to 60 men. They are to form the second line. Some of these platoons are located at Palic, Vysoka and Tri Sekery.
9. The border guard units of the Security Army have been established according to the Soviet pattern for the purpose of sealing the border. Because of the reorganization of the PS units, the laying of mines in the border territory has been interrupted. Each company guards 3-4 km along the border.
10. All members of the Security Army are armed with model 49 submachine guns of Czech make, 9 mm caliber, with two magazines each holding 42 cartridges; hand grenades; and CZ pistols, 7.65 mm caliber, having a fixed barrel which can be easily disassembled. Each company headquarters has at its disposal one combat armored car of the "Bronovik" type, which is to be replaced by the Tatraplan car because the "Bronovik" and Tudor types are not effective on the border zone terrain. The Tatraplan has reportedly a front and rear drive and a higher chassis. In addition to this combat car, each company has one  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck of the type RND.

Attachment: Sketch showing location of SNB-PS units pursuant to the reorganization.

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